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Avard praises Senate vote to protect student, parent rights

Concord, NH – Today, the Senate passed a bill that would require parental notification and approval prior to asking students to respond to non-academic surveys.

Senator Kevin Avard (R-Nashua), prime sponsor of the bill, SB 320, issued a statement following the vote.

“As parents, we have a right to know what is being asked of our children and to set boundaries based on privacy concerns and I thank the Senate for their strong support of this bill. This legislation increases the level of parental notification required for non-academic surveys, and affirms a parents’ right to ‘op-out’ their children from responding to these surveys,” said Senator Kevin Avard (R-Nashua).

“Parents have a right to decide what is appropriate for their child and should be able to protect their child from being asked to answer questions requiring personal information like religious practices, sexual orientation, and family life. These topics go beyond academics and therefore, should require explicit parental consent before being administered to students.”

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